

## THE LATEST ARMY SCHEME

**A FIFTH WHEEL TO BE GIVEN THE  
NATION'S OLD COACH.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—According to reports current in army circles, the administration will introduce into Congress the winter bill for the increase of the pay department. Of course no one supposes that in the present temper of Congress a bald proposition to enlarge instead of diminish the army expenditures would meet with a moment's consideration. That is not the way things are now managed in Washington by the close corporators of vested interests. A large number of officers, specially favored, by being detailed on duty in the bureau

This was very recently illustrated in the case of the Ordnance Department, when, under the guise of "a bill to reduce and reorganize the Ordnance Department," three majors were promoted to be lieutenant colonels, six captains to be majors, twelve lieutenants to be captains, and

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The different companies as by the paymaster, and without costing the treasury a cent for the mere expense of the payments. It is customary for the troops are paid for the different companies to send the necessary vouchers to the chief paymaster for his inspection. After the accounts are carried out, the assistant paymaster with his clerk is ordered to draw out of the treasury the cash and deliver it to the designated point and pay the troops.

To avoid the risk of loss the funds are frequently transferred to the quartermaster for transportation and the advances paid to the quartermaster, in the shape of a receipt.

paymaster takes the funds from the express office and pays them to the troops. Thus to pay a two or three thousand dollars the Government is put to the expense of sending two soldiers for the paymaster and his clerks, their luggage to the post and return, and the express cargo on the money.

The simple truth is that the Pay Department like the Commissary Department, should be abolished and the necessary business consolidated in the Quartermaster's Department.

**THE EAST NEW YORK TRAGEDY.**

**Rubenstein Declaring his Innocence, and Hoping the Murderer May be Found.**

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**A Neighbor of Edward C. Smith**  
Street informed Mr. Brown last week that Clara had been in and taken a room for her and her mother at the Hotel Marlborough. The woman was arrested, however, by Officer M. Stern last night.

**A Mammoth Cotton Mill.**  
NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 19.—The new mill of the Wamsutter Corporation commenced April 1912 is nearly completed. It is of five stories, with a basement, and will employ 1,000 men and 1,000 women for employees. (Times.)

**An Escaped Convict Captured.**  
The burglar, John Whittaker, captured last night at his home of 171 Elm street, was taken to the police station, where he was held overnight, and, as reported yesterday, he had escaped from Sing Sing about two months ago.

**A Church Edifice Endangered.**  
In the storm yesterday two of the trusses of the hall of the Episcopal church of St. John's, on the corner of Elm and Washington streets, were blown away by the wind.

**The Amerique Sate in Port.**  
**QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 19.**—The French steam ship *Amerique*, which was brought into this harbor at night in the night of the 17th, was taken in tow on the 18th, but was greatly delayed by fog.

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**Thirty-eight Degrees Below.**  
 At many points in New Hampshire yesterday

**Hospital Sunk.**  
Collections were yesterday taken up in the Protestant Episcopal churches throughout the city for the relief of the sufferers in consequence of the epidemic.

**The Girl Suspect's Earful.**  
Miss Ella Hartwell of Brooklyn Heights was committed yesterday to the city jail for a charge of harboring a thief.

**Mr. O'Connor Recovering.**  
Charles O'Connor was steadily improving yesterday. He is today as well as he can be expected to remain with him.

**The Boss Fugitive.**  
The Brooklyn detectives have information that someone has the theory that Sam Mc Tweed expects to see him.

**Weather Office Prediction.**  
History, followed by falling in a moment.

**JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.**

The *Sunday Times* and *Messenger* says that Charles O'Connor poses his reply as a careful study and he refused to face the press for a week.

More than 12,000 members are active in the United States and Canada. The group is headed by Dr. Robert A. Smith, president, and Dr. William J. H. Murray, secretary, both of New York.

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